

# GCSE Music



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Year 9 Music starts with a transition to GCSE Music with units similar to Year 8.

To take GCSE music, you need to be able to play an instrument or sing, or be committed to learning one. You cannot take this course if you are not willing to learn an instrument (or be a singer).

You will need access to that instrument at home so that you can practise regularly each week, so if you want to play keyboard, you must have one at home.

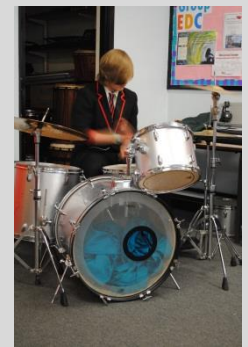


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This is not the right choice for you if:-



- You only like listening to music and don't want to learn an instrument or sing.
- The only reason you picked this is because you like your Y8 music lessons at the moment.
- You know that your friend is going to pick music and you just want to be with them.



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**GCSE Music covers 3 main skills:-**



**Performing** – Playing and recording pieces on your instrument or voice (you need 4 minutes by the end of Y11).

**Composing** – Creating and then playing and recording pieces of music (3 minutes worth by the end of Y11).

**Listening & Appraising** – Listening to music and being able to describe what you can hear, and recognise features of particular styles of music.



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For the first half of Year 9 you will develop your skills through the study of a wide range of music including:-

Jazz & Blues

4 chord songs

Arrangements (covers)

Film & video game music



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Once the transition is completed, you will focus much more on using your skills like a GCSE musician. You will:-

Record pieces on your instrument/voice (these will be graded on the new 9-1)

Compose a piece of music for your instrument/voice

Listen to and analyse music answering a range of questions about what you can hear



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**Homework** – You will be expected to practise every week on your instrument. This will form part of your homework.

15 minutes practise – 5 times a week is a good practice routine

1 hour – once a week is a bad practice routine

Other homework – From time to time you will be set short homework related to other work studied in class



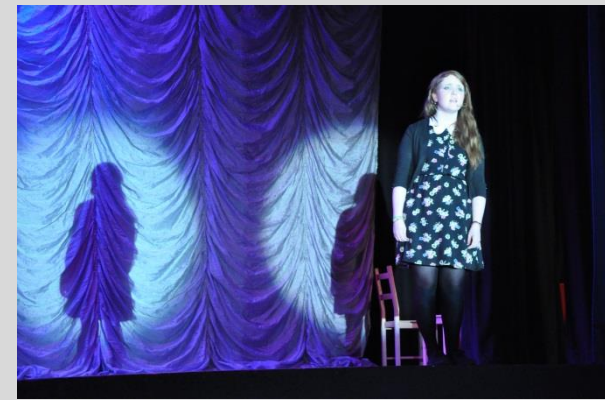
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## Opportunities



Developing as a musician is all about performing for others.

There will be opportunities for you, if you want to perform at a range of events, starting with simple and informal occasions like open evening and culminating in big concerts and shows at the theatre.



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**Any questions or not sure whether this is the right choice for you?**

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